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# AMENDMENT "A" PRIOR TO ACTION

Sir:

Applicants herewith amend the above-referenced PCT application, and request entry of the Amendment prior to examination on the United States Examination Phase.

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## --SPECIFICATION

#### TITLE

"METHOD FOR OVERLOAD CONTROL FOR A SWITCHING CENTER" BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention

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The invention relates to a method for overload protection for an exchange, where neighboring exchanges are sent an overload congestion measure recognized network-wide.

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